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UNIVERSITY**
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Statement of Research Interest

Masters by Exam and Thesis



Applicant's name:

Date:

Department in which you plan to study:

Teaching and research at Lincoln University are administered through groups known as departments.

Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences

- Department of Agricultural Sciences
- Department of Pest Management and Conservation
- Department of Soil And Physical Sciences
- Department of Wine, Food And Molecular Biosciences

Faculty of Agribusiness And Commerce

- Department of Financial and Business Systems
- Department of Agribusiness and Markets
- Department of Global Value Chains and Trade
- Department of Land Management and Systems

Faculty of Environment, Society and Design

- Department of Environmental Management
- School of Landscape Architecture
- Department of Tourism, Sport and Society

The Bio-Protection Research Centre

Agribusiness and Economics Research Unit (AERU)

Have you discussed your proposal with an academic staff member?

- No
- Yes

Name of Academic _____

The statement of research interest is used by the University for three main purposes:

- Demonstrate to the university that the applicant has given proper thought to a prospective research topic;
- Show that the applicant is up-to-speed with at least some of the contemporary literature on the topic and can identify a 'draft' research question(s);
- Help the University decide on potential supervisors.

The statement should be no more than 1000 words and it must be written in your own words.

If you have already prepared a draft research proposal, you may submit this as your statement, or describe below your proposed approach for the research, i.e. the steps you would follow to fulfil the research aim or test the research hypotheses:

<i>Title of Topic Area</i>
<i>Area of research interest to be studied (no more than 400 words)</i>
<i>Possible research question and objectives (No more than 200 words)</i>
<i>Likely methodology (no more than 400 words)</i>

<i>References</i>

- Submission of a statement does not commit you or the University to undertake the proposed research. Your eventual research project will emerge as the result of negotiation between you and the research advisor(s).
- The statement is not the same as the formal research proposal you will produce for your thesis (although the statement may be helpful in developing the full proposal).
- You are strongly urged to discuss your research interests with an advisor before submitting your application. The advisor will be in a position to provide feedback on a draft of your statement.